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## **ABSTRACT**

Burial chambers of classical period which is brought to light in Alabanda antique city is pretty interesting with its location and style of architecture. The structure of the tomb is handled by comparing it with other similar tombs according to the structures of several tombs in Karia area, architecture and workmanship. The burial chambers which has significant clues about the location and the history has a great importance on identifying the history and geography of Alabanda antique city. With its architectural style peculiar to Karia area it helps us to understand burial traditions of Alabanda antique city in socioeconomic terms.

Political history is mentioned according to the thought about this kind of tomb structures' being widespread in the area with the political development. To understand the location of the burial chamber and the construction material, the geography of Karia area, its political history and the historical geography of Alabanda antique city are searched thoroughly. To understand the tomb structure, after various styles of tomb structures in the area are analyzed under particular titles Alabanda burial chamber is explained in detail and is commented on by comparing similar designs.

## **KEYWORDS**

Alabanda, Caria, Classical Period, Chamber Tomb, Burial Custom